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SECRETS OF THE POLE.

Lost Ship Buried in Arctic Ice.
While Sir Ernest Shackleton is planning another attack on the Antarctic, the Arctic ice has given up the secret of the fate of the steamer Centennial, which disappeared while on a voyage from Muroran, Japan, to San Francisco, more than seven years ago.
None of her forty passengers and crew ever came ashore, and the fate of the vessel was a mystery until a few days ago, when she was found wedged in the ice pack in the Okhotsk Sea, north of Saghalien.
Members of a Russian exploration expedition, while going through the Okhotsk Sea, were startled to see another steamer, far away from any route of trade.
They found that the steamer was the Centennial, deserted, her rusted sides held fast in the ice pack.
According to Captain Hisei, the leader of the Russian expedition, who sent news of his discovery to Seattle, although the Centennial was in fairly good condition, all her lifeboats had gone, and there were no signs that any one had been living in her for a long time past. It is believed, therefore, that the vessel must have been disabled in a storm so badly that she had been abandoned, and that she had then drifted to her present position in the ice pack.
No survivors of the Centennial have ever been heard of: none of her boats have ever been seen, and the discovery of the abandoned vessel only serves to make certain the fact that all her passengers and crew had perished.
As for Sir Ernest Shackleton's plans, it appears that his remark at a dinner of the Geographic Club that in eighteen months' time he might be pulling his belt in four or five holes to stop the hunger pangs, while lightly made, expresses at least his great desire to go once more towards the South Pole.
"I hope to land another expedition," the famous explorer said. "It is all ways been my desire to return to the Antarctic, but my plans, financial and otherwise, are not matured sufficiently for me to make a definite pronouncement on the subject."
His next expedition, Sir Ernest said, would be on a large scale. "It is not possible yet," he added, "to give any definite outline of the plans I have in my mind."
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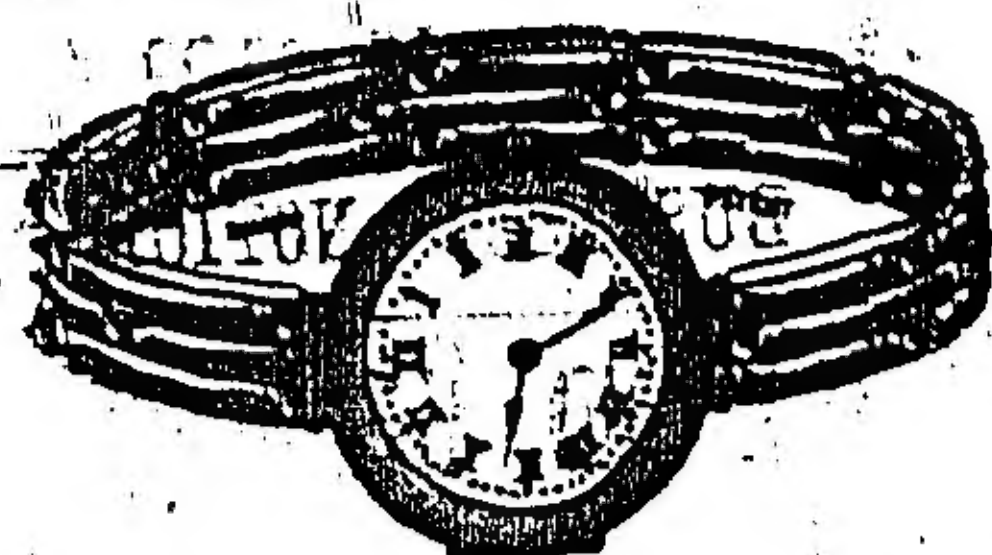
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NOTICE is hereby given that Mr.
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Fact and Legend.

The Earl of Rosebery on December 5
 formally inaugurated, as a municipal
 museum, Lady Stair's house, an old
 Edinburgh mansion which he presented
 after restoration to the Edinburgh Cor-
 poration for the use of the citizens in
 1907. His lordship suggested then that
 the house might be suitable for a mu-
 nicipal museum, but various circum-
 stances have prevented this being carried
 out until the present time. The build-
 ing, which is situated between the High
 Street and the top of the Mound, is a
 fine specimen of a seventeenth-century
 Edinburgh mansion. In a well-lighted
 basement an interesting collection of
 sculptured stones from houses and
 churches in old Edinburgh, long since
 demolished, has been assembled; in the
 other rooms pictures have been placed.
 These relate to Edinburgh and its en-
 vironments and to famous Scotsmen.
 Burns and Scott having each a room
 assigned to them. The actual ceremony
 connected with the opening of the
 museum took place in the City Chambers.
 Lord Provost Innes presided.

Lord Rosebery's interest in the house
 arises from the fact that he is a direct
 descendant of the original builder, Sir
 William Gray, and his wife, whose
 initials and arms are over the doorway,
 in association with a Biblical motto so
 common at that time. "Fear the Lord
 and depart from evil," and the date
 1622. One of their daughters, Agnes,
 became the second wife of Sir Archibald
 Primrose, and mother of the first Earl
 of Rosebery. Originally the house in
 which the house is situated bore the
 name of Lady Gray's Close, but later
 it was changed to Lady Stair's Close,
 after that stern old Whig dame, the
 wife of the first Earl of Stair—"Glen-
 coe" Stair. But Lord Rosebery has an-
 other connexion with the house, for the
 widow of the first Viscount Primrose
 married the second Earl of Stair, and,
 according to Chambers, this lady, after
 the death of her husband, resided in the
 house until her death in 1769. It is a
 story of this Lady Stair that is used by
 Sir Walter Scott for his plot of "Aunt
 Margaret's Mirror."

Lord Rosebery, having expressed the
 pleasure he experienced in discharging
 the duty assigned to him, said: "We
 have all heard the legends of 'Lady
 Stair's House.' I trust that everybody
 here has read 'My Aunt Margaret's
 Mirror,' in which, perhaps, the chief
 of these legends is enshrined. In this
 we are told of Lady Stair, who was then
 Lady Primrose. I cannot help observ-
 ing that my family connexion with the
 house ought not to be dwelt upon quite
 in the spirit in which it is, because the
 writers on the subject all take some pains
 to explain that Lord Primrose, my re-
 lation, was one of the greatest sound-
 ists that ever existed. (Laughter.) I
 think municipal gratitude ought at my
 rate to try and show that fact, if it
 be a fact, from the too attentive notice
 of the penurious tourist. (Laughter.)

THE MAGIC MIRROR.
 We are told by Sir Walter Scott that
 Lady Primrose went to a soothsayer, a
 man with a magic mirror, and that in
 this mirror she saw her husband about
 to be married to somebody else—in a
 Dutch church. Then suddenly some-
 body, whom she recognized to be her
 brother or half-brother, rushed in and

intervened. A dramatic duel took place,
 in which her brother or half-brother was
 killed. Then Sir Walter Scott goes on
 to say that later on she was asked to
 forgive this recalcitrant husband by an
 elderly gentleman, whom she saw to be
 the husband himself.

At this moment I am not quite sure
 whether she forgave him or not; but
 it was not, at any rate, a copious or
 spontaneous forgiveness. The only fact
 I find in the story is this, that, accord-
 ing to the authorities which are before
 me—the main one of which is Miss Bos-
 line Masson's article in "Chambers's
 Journal," which is characterized by all
 the hereditary charm and talent of her
 name—according to the main authorities,
 on this subject, Lord Primrose must
 have been quite a young man when he
 passed away. Well, that is one legend.
 Then afterwards, the lady, being set
 free, married the second Lord Stair.

The other legend is of a more romantic
 and almost a more indelicate character.
 It is that Lord Stair was extremely
 anxious to marry this pretty widow, who
 said she would not marry him, and so,
 in order to compel her to marry him,
 he appeared in his dressing-gown at the
 window of her study or dressing room,
 whatever it was—having bribed her maid
 at an early hour in the morning, con-
 versing with the people in the High
 Street. And so in this way he so com-
 promised the unhappy lady that she was
 compelled to marry him, whether she
 wished it or not. It was under the in-
 spiration of these legends that I bought
 this house and restored it.

Well, then, there occurs every sort
 of possible commentary to destroy every
 vestige of legend and romance that at-
 taches to this house. The house, instead
 of being a trim-built—a good trim-built—
 mansion, standing on the High Street,
 swarming with ghosts and with legends,
 is one great scene of a devastation of
 tradition. To my mind, after having
 read the authorities on the subject, it
 is now merely a horrid waste. I feel
 everything has been done to destroy any-
 thing that attracted interest to the
 house.

LORD STAIR'S COURTESY.

First comes my friend, Miss Rosaline
 Masson. The story of the appearance in
 the dressing-gown at the window which
 gave such a charm to the courtship of
 the house is demolished by the fact that
 six years before Lord Stair appeared in
 his dressing-gown at the window, he had
 secretly married the lady in London.
 The certificate has been found, and we
 must, at any rate, disregard the part of
 the story which is least creditable to
 Lord Stair, and perhaps the most roman-
 tic side of it. Well, that was bad
 enough. I staggered under the blow.
 (Laughter.)

But there comes another commentator,
 who good-naturedly points out that the
 house never belonged to that Lady Stair
 at all. What are we to do, my Lord
 Provost, when our historical monuments
 are liable to be chipped away in this way
 and reduced to rubbish?

The Lord Provost: Retain our own
opinion.

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The Man Who
Gets There

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 plenty of it in his body.

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Newman (in play) 8,417
Inman 7,274

At the fifth session Newman went to the game total with breaks of 181 (from 114 unfinished), 215, 70, 64, and 165 (unfinished) scoring his needed 588 points to 588 by Inman, who contributed breaks of 182, 167, and 88. Final scores:

Newman (rec. 2,000) 9,000
Inman 7,802

H. W. STEVENSON V. T. REECE.

A moderate attendance was present at Messrs. Orme and Sons' Rooms, Manchester, on Dec. 6th, when the sixth day's play in this game of 18,000 up (Reece receiving 1,000 start) was entered upon. Stevenson showed the best form, and considerably gained upon his opponent with runs of 97, 212, 63, 109, and 112. Reece was responsible for breaks of 59, 117, and 67.

In the evening play proved exceedingly interesting. Reece got to work by raising his unfinished break of 14 to 113, and immediately afterwards added 71, whilst he was also responsible for runs of 113, 115, 74, and 30 (unfinished). Stevenson, on the other hand, contributed 57, 111, 50, 175, and 72.

On the following day Stevenson displayed excellent form. In all he scored 906, averaging 90.60, against 637 and an average of 27.09 by Reece. The best break of the session was a splendid 802 by the champion, which only ended when an unfortunate shot robbed him of a certain cannon. Other breaks by Stevenson were 191 and 81. Reece compiled 86 (full), 76, 112, 87, and 132.

Some level scoring was witnessed the next afternoon, when these players continued their game of 18,000 up (Reece: 1,000 start). Stevenson made breaks of 68 (full), 90, 97, 190, 92, 77, 101, and 89, and totalled 863, whilst Reece contributed 58, 69, 109, 138, 78, 56, and 104 for a total of 674.

When play was resumed in the evening Reece compiled 789 to 541 by Stevenson. The best breaks by Reece were 101, 54, 55, 208, 78, and 27 (unfinished). Stevenson compiling 144, 76, 50, and 141. Closing scores:

Reece (in play) 19,595
Stevenson 18,278

G. GRAY V. C. FLECKNER.

This match of 18,000 up (Fleckner receiving 5,000 start) was continued on Saturday (Dec. 6) at the Grand Hall, Leicester-square. Gray had had so much the better of the earlier scoring that his opponent's lead was cut down to 1,504 when the game was continued on Saturday afternoon. Here Fleckner improved his position by aggregating 680 to 648.

He scored chief breaks of 124, 106, and 88 (unfinished to 297 (282 off the red) and 64 by Gray.

For the greater part of the evening matters ran all in favour of the leader, who put together breaks of 88 (full), 115, 108, 84, 76, 55, and 53. Then Gray seized down upon a big losing hazard shot, which gave him possession of the table for the remainder of the session.

It proved to be an unfinished break of 706, all but the first two points arising from his favourite stroke.

Fleckner was only 1,400 ahead of Gray when the second week's play of this 18,000 up was commenced, the scores being 10,275 to 8,975 in his favour. As the result of the exchanges during the afternoon session Gray further reduced his opponent's lead by aggregating 748 to Fleckner's 508. In play with 762 (unfinished), Gray on resuming converted this into 854, and subsequently compiled 120, 85, 129, 47, 98, and 76 (unfinished). Fleckner, on the other hand, compiled 306 (96 off the red), 81, and 50.

Beyond one fine break of 844 (all off the red) by Gray, there was little of note in the evening. In addition Gray made breaks of 88 and 84, whilst Fleckner's best were 70 (twice), 72 (twice), and 106; Gray scored 660 and Fleckner 638.

When the eighth day's play was entered upon Fleckner only retained 1,122 of his allowance of 5,000, the scores reading 11,514 to 10,392 in his favour. The game, during the afternoon session was one-sided, for Gray, failing to show anything like his best form, was out-pointed to the extent of 899 to 682. Fleckner, who made breaks of 51, 74, 67, 122, 78, 67, 141, 51, and 86, averaged 47.31; whilst Gray, who averaged 30, compiled 56 (full), 40, 46, 68, and 83 (unfinished).

The Australian carried all before him at night, totalling 1,159, with an average of 165, to Fleckner's 101 and average of 26. Fleckner's only break was 36, whereas Gray, after raising his incomplete run of the afternoon to 874, compiled 219, 162, 89, and 844 (unfinished).

Fleckner only retained 591 of his start of 5,000 when play was continued on Dec. 10th, the scores reading 12,503 to 12,002. During the afternoon Gray showed fine form, and scored 748, averaging 107, whilst Fleckner totalled 247 and averaged 35. In play with 844 (unfinished), Gray, on resuming, carried the break to 542 before missing a long loser into the top right pocket. His next four innings were not very important, but at last came the Oxford night's ending.

red-ball break of 338, 270 being scored by means of his favourite lozers. In the meantime Fleckner compiled 104, a fine spotted break, and 42. After a fruitless visit Gray got going again, and reached his points with 131 (unfinished).

The receiver of points was in very good form at night, and totalled 749 to 607, the respective averages being 40 and 30. Gray raised his incomplete 181 to 263 (all but 2 off the red), and followed with 64, 56, 124, 57, 72, and 78 (unfinished). Fleckner's best runs were 294, 104, 163, and 117. Closing scores:

Gray (in play) 18,809
Fleckner 13,447

T. ALLEN V. A. P. FRILL.

At the Burroughes Hall Soho-square, on Dec. 8th, these players commenced the match total of 9,000 up in the above annual competition, Aiken receiving 1,750 and Poell 4,000 start. The latter has so far defeated Inman, while Aiken went under to Newman, but was successful under Diggle. Aiken had the best of the opening session, aggregating 606 to 288, and averaging 50.44 against 13.16.

The first move was made by the Scotsman, who put together a capital 91 at his sixth attempt, which drew 30 from the leader. Poell next showed good form in items of 54 and 97, but fell away later; whilst Aiken was seen to advantage in a compilation of 161, the last 63 points scoring from the red. The Scotsman supplemented this with a nice 102, and a few innings later he reached his points by means of a faultless unfinished 202.

Progress at night was very slow. Aiken only added 2 to his unfinished break, after which the best runs by the Scotsman were 59, 40, 54, and 59, and by Poell 72, 67, 78, and 74.

Some excellent play was witnessed the next afternoon. The latter had 96 the best of the handicap when proceedings were resumed, the totals standing at 4,832 to 2,893 in his favour. Aiken had the best of the exchanges on this occasion, and aggregated 874 to 415 by Poell, the average being 24.00 and 14.67.

Poell made steady progress, his first runs producing 34 (full), 23, 89, 40, and 34. Aiken in the same period registering 92. The latter afterwards came out in the best form and claimed fine breaks of 151 and 125. Poell later scored freely in an excellent effort of 117, which Aiken countered with 44, 99, and 83. The leader afterwards reached his points with 31 and 10 (unfinished).

Aiken travelled much too fast for his opponent at night, scoring 631 and averaging 29, to Poell's 306 and average of 17. Poell's only break of over 40 was 93, whereas Aiken was responsible for 67, 118, 84, 60, 91, and 81 (unfinished).

The following afternoon Aiken gave a fine display. When proceedings were resumed the scores stood at 5,845 to 1,167 in favour of Poell, but the Scottish champion scored 605 to 129, returning the fine average of 88.28 as against 18.29. The Scotsman speedily found his form and carried an unfinished 81 to 182. Displaying the ability of a master at the top of the table Aiken in succession accounted for breaks of 60 and 168 (twice). Poell meanwhile had compiled 37, but his only other item of note was 10, for at his seventh visit Aiken went to his points with 104 (unfinished).

Poell had the better of the evening play, totalling 601 and averaging 27 to Aiken's 554 and average of 22. Poell's best breaks were 106, 85, 122, and 88, and Aiken's 109 (full), 96, 60, 142, and 20. Closing scores:

Poell 6,485
Aiken (in play) 5,826

SALE OF WHITE STAR.

I am informed, says "Hobart" in the "Daily Telegraph" of Dec. 8th, that Mr. Jack Joel has today completed the sale for a big price of White Star, the buyer being Mr. Sol Green, of Melbourne.

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Doves—Pan Kau 18
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Fowls, Canton—Kai 1b 24
" Hainan—Hoi Nam 28
Geese—Ngai Kai 24
Geese, Wild—Shai—Shang-ho Yea Ngai gai each \$5.00
Musk Deer—Wong Keng each \$5.00
Hare, Shanghai—Fu Chai 65
Partridge—Che Khoo 65
Pheasants—Shan Kai pair \$1.60
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup each 34
" Hothow—Hoi How Pak Kup 34
Quail—Um Chun 15
Rice Birds—Wo Yea Cheue dozen 22
Hairs—Sa Ching each 22
Turkeys Cook—Poh Kai Kung 1b 60
" Hen 45
Wild Ducks, Shai—Shang-ho Hal Ap \$1.25
Teal—Sai Ap Chai 50
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sai An 85

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu 1b 18
Bream—Bin Yu 23
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu 27
Carp—Li Yu 24
Catfish—Chik Yu 17
Codfish—Mun Yu 14
Crabs—B 24
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu 14
Dab—Sa Mang Yu 14
Dace—Wong Mei Lun 10
Dog Fish—Tsi Yu 15
Eels, Conger—Hoi Maan 15
" Fresh water—Tun Si Yu 16
" Yellow—Wong Sun 30
Frog—Tien Kai 33
Garoupa—Sak Pan 56
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu 17
Herrings—Tse Pak 30
Halibut—Cheung Kwai Koi 28
Labrus—Wong Yu Yu 15
Loach—Wu Yu 27
Lobsters—Lung Ha 28
Mackerel—Chi Yu 19
Monk Fish—Ming Yu 22
Mullet—Chai Yu 24
Oysters—San Yu 18
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu 18
Perch—Tsu Loo 15
Pike—Fa Pau Fong Yu 9
Plaice—Pan Yu 18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong 25
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong 25
Prawns—Ming Yu 44
Ray—Pai Pa Yu 47
Scud Fish—Sak Ki Lung 15
Seabass—Chun Yu 18

Meat.

Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut—Mal Lung Pa 1b 18
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yu 1b 18
" Roast—Shit 1b 18
" Breast—Nagu Lam 1b 12
" Soup—Tong Yuk 1b 15
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa 1b 18
" Sirloin Coton—Ngau Lau 1b 25
" Sausages—Ngau Chang 1b 30
Jullock's Brains—Know per set 45
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li each 45
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yu 50
Head—Ngau Tan 50
Heart—Ngau Sun 1b 18
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin 1b 18
" Salt 1b 18
Feet—Ngau Kark each 8
Kidneys—Ngau Yie 9
Tail—Ngau Mei 1b 18
Liver—Ngau Kon 1b 19
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To 6
Calf Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-kah, Feet 61
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pei Kwai 1b 25
" Log—Yeung Pei 25
Shoulder—Yeung Shan 27
Pork Chittlings—Chu Chuk Tse 27
Brains—Chu Know per set 9
Feet—Chu Kark 1b 12
Chu Chas 3
Head—Chu Tse 18

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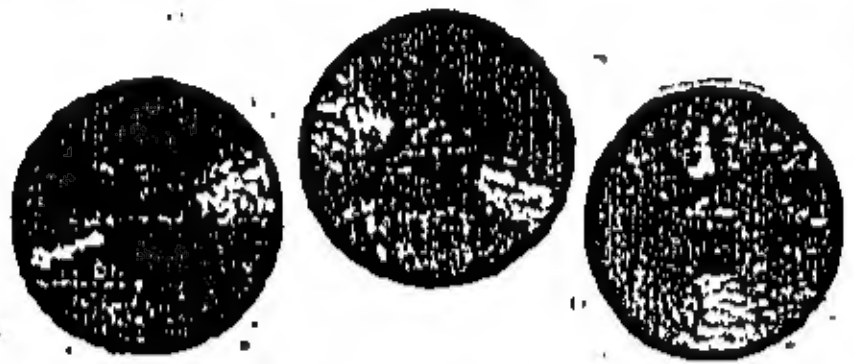
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Constitution makers, therefore, embrace twenty of the old official class, twenty of the Shan K'om, or gentry class, and twenty of the modern class. We are not interested here in discussing the work they are supposed to tackle, nor, indeed, their mental fitness, nor even their practical fitness for the gigantic task allotted them. We are interested in the way an average Chinese newspaper, whose criticisms are watched by the official eye, and whose editors, therefore, can hardly be expected to be brave enough to say what they may think, looks out upon this body of men, and the guarded remarks made upon the texture of this primitive Parliament. It seems, then, that first of all, it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that all who hope for a real progressive policy may as well turn aside and rest awhile, for there can be no hope of much sympathy with modern progress from such a body of men. It is pointed out that the two first classes will certainly be Conservatives of the more pronounced type, as they will never be able to free themselves from their past traditions, and, therefore, their sympathies will be altogether with adopting as few important changes as possible. Then, as for the new element, the student class, they can never count. They at best are only one third of the entire number present, and, therefore, can never carry anything by vote, and so they may as well be away as present. It is not argued whether they are men of ability or not; they will have no chance of seriously influencing the conservative side of the Council, and as they are quite unable to carry any proposition by vote, they might as well absent themselves from the first, as find themselves constantly thwarted and irritated by what will be decided. Such is the confident prediction as to what is likely to be the result of the actual work of this remarkable Council. There is little doubt that intelligent readers of the events transpiring in the East will look upon this next effort at Constitution-making with some curiosity, as there have been several attempts made during the last two years which hardly warrant one in expecting very much. Indeed it is quite likely that when the new Council gets to work their conclusions will be found either distasteful to the President or unacceptable to the ever-increasing number of thinking people, who will, either covertly or overtly, oppose them. There will then remain the only open course, which seems to be that the President must take the reins in his own hands, and supported by his army, govern as he thinks best in the interests of the Republic and along the lines which will ensure most friendly feelings with the Foreign Powers. It is to be hoped, however, that these pessimistic predictions, well-grounded though they undoubtedly are, will be falsified and that, instead of failure, the new Council will effect a substantial success and pave the way to the young Republic being firmly established.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We regret to report the death, at Bristol, on December 17, of Captain A. C. Ormick late of the In-to-China steamer Maung-say. "Shipping and Engineering" Captain Ormick, who had not been in the best of health, went home on leave toward the close of the summer. He joined the Indo-China service in July 1901 and was promoted to master in June, 1912.

The marriage arranged between Captain Alfred F. Chapman, 2nd Gloucester Regiment, third son of the late Captain Abel H. Chapman, Gateshead-on-Tyne, formerly 19th Hussars, and of Mrs. Chapman, Colinton, and Georgina Eleanor, younger daughter of Sir George Paul, LL.D., Deputy Keeper of H.M. Signet, and Lady Paul, will take place at Tientsin in February.

CHARGE AGAINST POLICE.

Lukongs and Highway Robbery.
Two lukongs and a coolie from the Wanchai Police Station appeared at the Police Court this morning as defendants, the charge against them being one of highway robbery committed on the hillside near Tai Hang village.
Mr. Ong Kung Sing appeared for the defence, and defendants were remanded, will being fixed by Mr. Hazledorn at \$100 each.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

It is a good thing to remember that the Chinese Government has been in the habit of sending a large number of its officials to the United States for the purpose of studying the government of that country, and that they have been studying the government of that country for a long time.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German cruiser Emden arrived yesterday evening.

The silk shipped per s.s. "Hongkong Mary" was delivered in New York on the 2nd instant.

The matchbox of the Wanchai Tennis Club was broken into last night and various small articles were stolen.

Mr. J. R. Wood will give his judgment in the Chun San Nam extradition case at the Magistracy on Friday afternoon, at 2.15.

The cargo of raw silk shipped on board the s.s. "Amazon" which left this port on December 2, was delivered at Lyons on the 2nd inst.

The Manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha has reported to the police that his gold watch and chain worth \$115, were stolen from his room last evening.

Mr. Hazledorn was occupied at the Magistracy this afternoon hearing further evidence in the Sikh Temple case, which has been before the Court now on various occasions for several weeks.

The "Hansa" Steam Navigation Company has ordered the construction of four new cargo boats, two of 11,000 tons and one of 10,000 tons, on the Weser, and one of 10,000 tons at Flensburg.

WANTED FOR MURDERS.

Charges to be Extradited.

Wanted by the Chinese authorities to answer charges of murder and robbery, Chan Kung, alias Chan Yun, alias Chan Yuk San, was committed to jail this morning by Mr. Hazledorn to await the Order of His Excellency the Governor for extradition to Canton. The extradition was opposed by Mr. Davidson on the instructions of the prisoner, and the hearing of the case occupied several days at the Magistracy, the Crown being represented by the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. P. M. Hodgson. The crimes with which prisoner is charged were committed in a robber raid upon a village in the Pok Lo district in Chinese territory, and it is alleged that in addition to shooting two men he carried away a quantity of loot.

In the course of his decision delivered this morning, Mr. Hazledorn said: The defendant is charged before me under the Chinese Extradition Ordinance 1889 with the murder on September 8, 1913, of one Chu Fut at San Chiu, Tai Cheong market town in the Pok Lo district, province of Kwang Tung, China. Section 10 of the Ordinance is as follows: If at the hearing before a magistrate such evidence is produced as would, subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, justify the commitment of the fugitive criminal for trial at the Supreme Court if the crime of which he is accused had been committed in the Colony, the magistrate shall commit him to the goal to await the further order of the Governor, but otherwise shall order him to be discharged.

Mr. Hazledorn then quoted the section of the Ordinance relating to the circumstances in which a magistrate shall order a discharge, and legal opinion and decision and continued: I am of opinion that a prima facie case has been made out against the defendant by the evidence produced by the prosecution, and I may also find that the two witnesses called by the prosecution gave their evidence in an exceedingly clear and convincing manner. Mr. Davidson also referred me to two points which I propose to deal with. The first point was that the seal on the Government Order had not been proved. It has been the practice to prove the seal and in my opinion it is not necessary that such seal should be proved. The next point was that the cause of death had not been proved. No medical evidence was called, and the only evidence in respect to the death of the deceased was the evidence of the two witnesses called for the prosecution. The witness Yu Kwang stated as follows on this question: I saw the defendant shoot Chu Fut. He also shot Chu Chan. I also saw this. Chu Fu and Chu Chan both dropped down. After the robbers had left I went out into the passage. I found Chu Fu and Chu Chan dead. I saw blood all over the bodies of Chu Fu and Chu Chan. On September 10 I attended the funeral of Chu Fu and Chu Chan. I went and looked at them after they were shot. I saw blood all over their persons. They both had shot wounds. Chu Fu had three shots and Chu Chan had two shots. With respect to Chu Fu there was a wound on the forehead and two wounds on each side of the chest. They were both dead. I saw them both die that night.

After quoting the evidence of the other witness for the prosecution on this point, Mr. Hazledorn said with respect to the evidence which had been adduced regarding the death of the deceased he was satisfied that the only decision a jury could come to, was that the cause of death was due to gunshot wounds. Defendant would be committed to Victoria Gaol to await the further order of His Excellency the Governor. Defendant was further informed that he would not be surrendered until after the expiration of fifteen days from the date of commitment, and that he had the right to apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus.

HONGKONG SUPREME COURT.

THE "OUTLOOK" CASE.

DEFENCE.

In the Summary Court this morning, before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge), the case was resumed in which Looi Wai Kee (trading as Man Shing) is suing C. H. Lee, editor of the "China Daily Outlook."

Plaintiff claims \$1,000, being amount due for goods supplied and work done, and there is a counterclaim by the defendant for \$1,079, for plaintiff's wrongful refusal and neglect to print the paper.

Mr. Norington (from the office of Mrs. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. M. Reader Harris (of Messrs. Wilkinson & Co.).

Mr. Norington informed His Lordship that before the plaintiff's case closed on the last hearing he said he did not think he would call evidence as to a certain interview which had taken place before the defendant's solicitor was instructed. He was now pleased to say that an agreement had been come to that that interview should be treated as an interview without prejudice. Therefore the case for the plaintiff was closed.

Mr. Harris—With just one exception. I think I agreed with my friend it should be admitted by him that at that interview we said we had a claim of \$250 in respect of type.

Mr. Norington—They were relying also on one letter in the correspondence in which they claimed \$250, the value of type, I am quite agreeable to my friend calling the defendant to say that he did make that claim.

Mr. Harris—The plaintiff's case being closed, your Lordship will appreciate that in it there are really two main points on which we are going to be in issue. His Lordship—I am afraid I am a little bit foggy about it. The claim is on a printing bill?

Mr. Harris said there was a claim of \$247, balance of September accounts, and of \$841, being the total amount due for October account. The writ was issued on the 17th November. The defence was that with regard to the \$247 there was a set off of \$250 due for type sold and delivered. His Lordship—Your counterclaim is not a defence, but simply a counterclaim? Mr. Harris remarked that that was so. With regard to the \$841 there was another defence, namely, that at an interview on the 29th October, when the whole of the September account except the sum of \$247 was paid, it was agreed that the \$247 should be held back by the defendant until the plaintiff made some improvement, as he promised to do, in the printing of the newspaper.

His Lordship—Therefore, you say the \$247 never became due? Mr. Harris said it was not due at all. He would prove that the paper was invariably coming out a day after it was dated, and was quite useless as a morning paper. For instance, the issue of the 6th September was delivered on the 7th. It would further be proved that defendant was now carrying on with exactly the same composition, excepting those it was found necessary to dismiss, and the paper was coming out every morning the same as any other morning paper. It was stated at the interview of the 19th October that defendant did not pay this \$247 because he had not got the money, but three witnesses would be called to prove that that was not so. With regard to the \$841 the defence was that it was not due until the last day of the following month. Plaintiff's allegation on that point was that it was due on the last of the month, or rather on the last day of the current month.

His Lordship—That would make it the 31st October? Mr. Harris said it would, and remarked that in a letter received from plaintiff's solicitor it was stated that the money was due on the 15th of the month, so, whether or not there was a serious difficulty, the money was said by them to be due on two different days in the month. A number of plaintiff's accounts would be produced, not one of which was dated before the 9th of the month.

His Lordship—Supposing it was not due until the 30th November? When was the writ taken out? Mr. Harris—On the 17th November. Proceeding, Mr. Harris stated that plaintiff's solicitor wrote on the 13th November stating that the money would become due on the 15th, and unless it was paid the plaintiff threatened to stop printing. In reply to that letter he wrote saying that defendant was ready to pay the balance due upon plaintiff's copy, with the conditions agreed to on the 31st October in order to remedy the deplorable delays and troubles in the daily production of the paper. When he wrote that he handed to plaintiff on October 31st, it was the specific understanding that he would carry out the reforms agreed to. Regarding the amount for October printing, this was not due till the 30th, but defendant would be pleased to advance plaintiff any money he needed. If plaintiff should stop printing on two days' notice, knowing the contract was a monthly one, he would be held responsible for any damage which might arise. "Our counterclaim," proceeded Mr. Harris, "is because the plaintiff did, on two days' notice, stop printing any just cause. Their statement on that was that there was no agreement to give a month's notice." One witness said it was agreed, after the paper had been going a month, that there should be 15 days' notice on either side. The evidence for the plaintiff on the question of the month's notice was very unsatisfactory indeed. According to their story, everything that happened took place between a typing clerk of the defendant and a foreman of the plaintiff; not between the principals. He would prove that all this took place between Mr. Lee and Looi personally. Plaintiff swore that payment was always made during the first year on the first of the month, while other witnesses said it was between the first and third. He had now produced every cheque paid, and not one was dated either the first or third.

The total weight of the turbines set for the Aquitania is stated to be 1,400 tons, each of the low-pressure turbines being 425 tons. The blades number over 1,000,000 and vary in size from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2.

NEW FRENCH SHIP.

PING TARIFF.

HOW IT AFFECTS LOCAL FIRMS.

Under the Finance Law passed on July 30 last year, a new French shipping tariff came into force on January 1st. The new law applies equally to France and the French colonies, and all foreign ships landing either cargo or passengers, or both, irrespective of weight or number, come under its operation.

Under the old tariff it was only necessary to present the bill of lading of any ship sailing to a French port, to the French consul at the port of departure, but now it is necessary to present for endorsement the manifest of cargo for all French destinations and the list of passengers disembarking on French soil. Cargo or passengers booked to other points are not affected, and a ship calling at a French port but landing neither passengers nor cargo is exempt from taxation except in so far as the fee for the bill of lading is concerned. To give an instance, a ship sailing from Hongkong to Singapore and calling at Saigon in ballast would pay only the one fee for the bill of lading.

A representative of the "China Mail" who called at the French Consulate was informed that under the new tariff the big companies will make a considerable saving, owing to the provision of a new rate termed a subscription, which is payable quarterly and is calculated on average of tonnage. Upon the old scale owners had to pay taxes upon the registered net tonnage of every ship, singly, but it is now possible to pay a lump sum, which is determined by the average net tonnage of the steamers in the fleet, there being different rates for fleets of vessels averaging over and under 2,500 tons each, the former paying the maximum rate. The number of steamers in the fleet makes no difference to the amount of the subscription, and it can easily be seen that to the large companies, such as the P. and O., this provision will mean a very considerable economy.

For ships not coming under the subscription the tax is levied at the rate of 4 centimes per ton on ships of registered net tonnage up to one thousand tons, and above that figure the tax is 5 centimes per ton. The amount of cargo or number of passengers for French ports is not taken into consideration at all.

These are the main features of the new tariff, with which local shipping offices are taking pains to become fully conversant, as heavy penalties are provided for breaches of the regulations. One object of it will be to increase the work of the French Consulate, as many more documents will now come before it for signature and taxation.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Matsuura Maru, which stranded on the Paracels on her maiden trip came out of the hands of Takao Dock on Saturday and underwent trials. These proving satisfactory she proceeded to Japan.

A Chinese clerk, employed by a Chinese Shipping firm, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$1,027, the money of his employers. Mr. R. E. Faithfull is prosecuting prisoner, who was remanded at the Police Court to-day.

Mr. Deenan Fuller F.R.C.O. gave an organ recital at the Cathedral last evening before a large and appreciative congregation, and was assisted by Mr. Hogg and Mr. C. P. Hay, whose vocal music was very well rendered.

The battle practice challenge cup presented by colonials for competition among the British war vessels on the China Station has been won this year by H.M.S. Astraea. Previous winners have been the Hermes, Furze and Pandora.

A collision occurred on December 24 off Genoa between the N.D.L. steamer Pries Eitel Friedrich and the barque Andros. The sailing ship foundered shortly after but the crew were saved by boats from the mail steamer which was enabled to proceed.

Mr. Chan Pui, first clerk at the Harbour Department, has published a little book in English and Chinese dealing with "Common words, phrases, conversations, translations and interpretation." To students of English or Chinese it should prove a very useful publication.

Nine cases of notifiable disease were reported during the week ending January 3. There were four cases of plague in Victoria, resulting in the deaths of six many Chinese. Four cases of diphtheria (two British and two Chinese) were also reported two being fatal. One Chinese died from enteric fever.

A steamer with a deadweight carrying capacity of about 7,600 tons, at present being built by Messrs. Wm. Gray and Co., West Hartlepool, for F. C. Strick and Co., Limited, London, has been sold to the British India Steam Navigation Company. An 8,000-ton steamer has also been sold by Messrs. Strick to the British India Co.

It is announced, says "Capital," that as soon as the new Australian shipping law, which excludes foreign sub-limbed steamers from the Australian coasting trade, comes into force, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will have to discontinue its passenger service with Thursday Island, Brisbane, Townsville, Sydney, and Melbourne. Some other Japanese companies will also be affected.

TURF TOPICS.

THE LADIES' PURSE.

Miss Kelly, daughter of H.E. Major-General F. H. Kelly, C.B., has graciously accepted the invitation of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club to present the "Ladies' Purse" after the race on the third day. The race is the fourth on the "card" and is run directly before dinner. It has been customary in former years to invite the ladies of the Colony to subscribe to the purse, but this year, we understand, the Jockey Club has decided not to do so, but to take the necessary amount out of funds.

"TRAINING NOTES"—A USEFUL BOOK.
The British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., agents in Hongkong for Messrs. Maspero Freres, Ltd., manufacturers of the well-known brands of cigarettes, Foluoca, Bouton Rouge, etc., have just issued a handy booklet which combines the firm's goods and of being very useful to racing men. It is entitled "Training Notes," and is excellently arranged for the purpose intended.

WISDOM FOR MR. "JOHN PREL."
We hear that Mr. A. J. P. Heard, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Tientsin, is coming down to ride "first string" for the "Ewo" stable, and that Mr. J. Bell-Irving, of the same "hong" in Shanghai, will ride the second string. Mr. J. E. Gresson will, of course, ride his own ponies, and, probably, also some of Mr. Landale's, and others in the Jardine stables.

INCREASE IN STAKES.
At the annual dinner of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, held last night at the Hongkong Club, it was agreed to further raise the amount of stake money for several of the races. The following are the increases decided on—First Day, Wanchai-chong Stakes, Fochow Cup, Trial Plate and Racing Stakes, winner \$750, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$125; Jockey Club Stakes, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150; Second Day, Jockey Cup, winner \$600, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100; Exchange Plate, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150; Lushan Cup, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$125; China Stakes and Black Rock Stakes, \$750, \$250 and \$125; Third Day, Grand Stand Stakes and Phaethon Stakes, \$750, \$250 and \$125; Consolation Stakes, \$500, \$250, and \$125; Champion Stakes, \$2,500, \$750 and \$500; Great Southern Stakes and Hongkong Stakes \$1,000 to winner and \$250 to runner-up; "Swampstakes" of \$5 with \$500 added for winner.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE TIMES TAKEN THIS MORNING—

OLD POSTER.
Trot, 1 mile, 35.3, 1.11, 1.47.2, 2.19.4, last quarter 32.2.
Skel 1 mile, 46.3, 1.29.3, —, 2.45.2.
Sir Ascalon, half mile, 38.1.14.
Surrey, 1 mile, last half, 38.1.07, last quarter 31.
DEBT POSTER.
Mr. Stubb's 1 1/2 mile, 36.1.11, 1.44.2, 2.18.3, last quarter 32.9.
Jardine's dr. Grey (Hinklers), 1/2, 37, 1.19.3, 1.44; last quarter 31.2.
TWO POSTER.
Sir Paul's dr. Grey 1 mile, 34.2, 1.08.4, 1.44.1, 1.17.1; last quarter 33.
Sir Paul's dr. Grey 1 mile, 33.1.14, 1.49.2, 1.44; last quarter 31.4.
Sir Paul's dr. Grey 1 mile, 33.1.14, 1.49.2, 1.44; last quarter 31.4.
Jardine's dr. and grey, 1/2, 35.2, 1.09.1, 1.43.2; last quarter 31.1.
Messrs. Lowe and Hickman's Grey, 1/2, last 36.3, 1.13.
Mr. White's Grey (ignorance) and white (Fitzball) 1 mile, —, 1.14.3, 1.49.4, 2.25; last quarter 36.4.
SUBSCRIPTION CHITTS.
Mr. Nemaze's 1 mile last 37.3, 1.17, 1.51.4; last quarter 34.4.
Mr. Apple's 1/2, 1.51.
Mr. Howard's dr. Grey 1 mile, 42.2, 1.21.1, 1.54, 2.27.2; last quarter 33.2.
Mr. Bruton's 1/2, last half, 36, 1.07.
Mr. Humphrey's, half mile, 1.09.
Messrs. Lowder and Prid's 1/2 last 1, 38.1, 1.17.1, 1.40; last quarter 32.4.
Mr. Japp's 1 mile, —, 1.18.2, 1.53, 2.28; last quarter 31.4.
Sir Paul's dr. Grey's chest, and grey, 1 mile, 33.1.10, 1.47.3, 2.21.2 (grey) 2.38.3 (ch. et.)

HOW AT SUGAR WORKS.
Engineer Attacked with an Axe.
At about 6 o'clock this morning a number of coolies employed at Jardine's sugar refinery at Wanchai attacked the number one Chinese engineer and a man named Li Tai. The engineer was struck on the head with an axe during the row, and had to be taken to hospital with a severe cut on the head. One arrest was made by the police, and later in the morning the defendant was brought before Mr. Hazledorn at the Police Court, and remanded until 11 o'clock, as the engine is liable to stop and give evidence against him.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE ILL-FATED TANK STEAMER.

"OKLAHAMA" PICKED UP.

London, Jan. 7.
This "Oklahoma," which yesterday was reported to have been wrecked off the east coast of United States, was the largest tank steamer afloat. She was valued at \$110,000 and was believed to be unsinkable. The Captain reports that the vessel suddenly broke in half. There are still some hopes of the missing (thirty-two) being saved.

The Vessel Picked Up.

A later telegram from New York states that the "Oklahoma" has been picked up with five survivors. Originally there was some dozen aboard.

The vessel capsized several times, and only five persons were able to save themselves.

They confirm the statement that the vessel buckled while apparently suspended between two waves which dashed against the doomed ship.

The old was intense, and the fact that the vessels encircling the "Oklahoma" fruitlessly attempted rescues recalls the terrible scenes on the occasion when the "Volturna" went on fire.

THE ZABERN AFFAIR.

Further Evidence at Court Martial.

London, Jan. 6.
A telegram from Strassburg states that some of the evidence given in the course of the trial of Colonel Reuter was of a remarkable nature. Colonel Reuter, in describing the incidents which occurred at Zabern, said that he personally accompanied the troops which had set out, with a view of giving the order to fire if necessary, as he did not desire to leave the responsibility with the youthful Lieutenant Schad. It was not necessary, he said, to fire at a crowd when they were running. District Administrator Wahl had asked him if he would let things come to bloodshed and he replied, "Yes, in certain circumstances it will be a good thing, for we are defending the prestige and honor of the whole Army." He was convinced that the Government was allowing the reins of authority to trail.

Lieut. Schad, in his evidence, said that he had arrested a bank clerk for laughing at him.

The President—Did you see him laugh?
Lieut. Schad—No, I did not, but I suspected him. We arrested everybody whom we suspected of insulting us, as the people were too cowardly to turn up to our faces. It was necessary to act on presumption.

District Administrator Wahl detailed the measures taken by the Police to prevent the demonstrations, and said that Colonel Reuter ignored and slighted him, and consequently he declined to visit the Colonel.

The Public Prosecutor, giving evidence, said that there was a popular animosity against Colonel Reuter due to reports of the severity of his treatment of the men which had been spread by discharged soldiers residing in that neighbourhood.

The Crown Prince and the Affair.

Some of the German papers declare that it was owing to his attitude in relation to the Zabern incidents that the Crown Prince was relieved of his command of the 1st. Bodyguard Hussars at Danzig. His new post is a wholly subordinate one.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

New Year Greetings.

London, Jan. 6.
A telegram from Ottawa states that the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, has telegraphed to President Wilson in the following terms: "In the name of the people of Canada I wish you a happy New Year, trusting that the excellent feeling existing between the United States and ourselves will ever continue."

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

FASHIONABLE WEDDING IN BERLIN.

LORD'S SON AND "COAL KING'S" DAUGHTER.

London, Jan. 6.
A telegram from Berlin states that on the eve of the great wedding of Anne, the daughter of Herr Friedlaender, and John, one of the five sons of Lord Redesdale, a magnificent dinner and ball were held at the gorgeous mansion of the bride's parents. There were three hundred guests, including Lord Redesdale, and the Japanese and other Ambassadors. Max Reinhardt produced scenes from "A Midsummer's Night Dream," the parts being played by famous artists.

The Wedding Ceremony.

Another telegram states that the marriage took place at Holy Trinity Church, the size of which did not permit of a great gathering. It was, however, a most fashionable function. The bride, who was dressed in white satin and costly lace had four bridesmaids, dressed in light blue, and was attended by four cavaliers instead of pages.

[Note.—In Germany, Herr Friedlaender is known as the "Coal King" and his daughter is betrothed to £5,000,000. The bridegroom has received a partnership in his father-in-law's great business.—Ed.]

THE BRITISH NAVY.

Opposing the Economists.

London, Jan. 7.
The Navy League has organised a national campaign in opposition to the Navy economists meetings.

RAILWAYS IN UGANDA.

Important Suggestions.

London, Jan. 7.
Lord Huddell writes to *The Times*, welcoming Mr. F. Shelford's representations regarding the Uganda Railway. There are, he says, three courses open to the Government: firstly, that they pay five per cent. of the needful outlay; secondly, that they issue securities and build themselves; and thirdly, that they allot the building management to a public company, while maintaining control by keeping the bulk of the ordinary shares in their own hands.

THE BISLEY PROGRAMME.

War Office Modifications Accepted.

London, Jan. 6.
It is reported that the trouble occasioned by the modification of the Bisley programme by the War Office in accordance with Service regulations has now been settled, the War Office proposals having been accepted.

THE MONGOLIAN MISSION TO RUSSIA.

London, Jan. 6.
The correspondent of the *Morning Post* at St. Petersburg states that the Mongolian Mission leaves on Thursday. "It is believed that arrangements have been made for a loan of three million roubles. Russia is also willing to comply with the request for armaments, but prefers to postpone the supply until every form of hostilities with China has ceased."

Mission Not Wholly Successful.

LATER.
"The Times" St. Petersburg correspondent states that the efforts of the Mongolian Mission to obtain money and arms from Russia has not proved successful in the sense desired by the Embassy, Russia only being willing to assist the Mongolians so far as the assistance will not constitute a menace to the peaceful relations existing between herself and China. Otherwise the result of the Mission may well be regarded as satisfactory in the interests of all concerned, as will doubtless be shown at the impending conference at Urga.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH POLITICS.

UNIONIST TARIFF PROTEST LEAGUE FORMED.

London, Jan. 7.
A Unionist Tariff Protest League has been formed, with the object of organising action by Unionists dissatisfied with the fiscal policy or who think it inopportune to proceed with it at present.

THE RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY.

Support for Bishops of Uganda and Mombasa.

London, Jan. 7.
The Kikuyu controversy still continues to rage, and has elicited to-day letters from Lord George Hamilton and Sir G. T. Lagden, and Colonel Cunningham, who served in Kikuyu and Uganda in the early days of British occupation. All strongly support the Bishops of Mombasa and Uganda, deprecating the confusing of the minds of the natives with narrow sectarianism, especially in countries where Christianity is confronted by militant Mohammedan proselytism.

OBITUARY.

London, Jan. 7.
The death is announced of the famous composer and conductor, Signor Cellier.

BRITISH OFFICIAL CHANGES.

London, Jan. 6.
The Daily Telegraph announces that Sir Edward Ward, Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the War Office, is shortly retiring. He intends to accept directorships of several important companies.

The New Under-Secretary.

LATER.
It is officially stated that Sir B. Brade, K.C.B., Assistant Secretary at the War Office, who received his commandment of the Bath at New Year, has been appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of War, in succession to Sir E. Ward.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE BY EARTHQUAKE.

London, Jan. 7.
A telegram from Athens states that a violent earthquake has occurred at Elis, in the Peloponnese, Southern Greece. Great damage has been done to property.

RUSSIA REPRIMANDS MONGOLIA.

German Officer Objected To.

PEKING, Jan. 6.
It is reported that Russia has severely reprimanded the government of Urga for having engaged a German military officer to advise upon the re-organisation of the forces of the country.

NANKING INDEMNITY.

PEKING, Jan. 6.
The Foreign Department and the Japanese Minister have agreed upon \$840,000 as the amount of the indemnity payable on account of the losses of Japanese merchants in Nanking during the recent rebellion.

MONGOLIA SEEKS FOREIGN AID.

PEKING, Jan. 6.
It is reported that some of the Princes of Outer Mongolia have approached the Russian Government for aid in seeking to proclaim their independence of China. Help being refused in this quarter they are said to have made a similar request to Japan.

DR. SUN IGNORED.

PEKING, Jan. 6.
Dr. Sun Yat Sen sent a telegram to the President wishing him a happy new year. The President ignored the message.

GERMANY SECURES RAILWAY CONCESSIONS.

PEKING, Jan. 6.
The Minister for Foreign Affairs and the German Minister signed to-day an agreement granting Germany several railway construction concessions in Shantung province.

A PROVINCIAL LOAN.

PEKING, Jan. 6.
Wong Sui, H.B., Governor of Kiangsu province, has been authorised to raise a provincial loan of two million dollars from foreign lenders.

SPORTING.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG POLICE v. R. E. RESERVES.
This match on the Military ground yesterday was for 2nd Division United Service League points. Teams:—

Hongkong Police: Swann, J. Clarke, Cave, Spillot, Gardner, Drury, Grimmett, Reynolds, Kelly, Booker, Wilson.
R. E. Reserves: McGregor, Hill, Tucker, Saunders, Smith, Foster, Mason, Warriner, Wilkinson, Bichard, Colgan.
Referee, Mr. Tyler.

The Police were seen within the precincts of the soldiers goal. Here they found Tucker in his usual reliable form and it was not his fault when the Police took the lead, Booker being the scorer. After a steady dash by the soldiers, in which Wilkinson was conspicuous, the Police returned, but McGregor was in the right place to repel a beauty from Kelly. Mason put across some good centres at times but Cave was very impetuous at back for the Police and went pell mell for most of the match.

At the soldiers' end Booker scored another goal, the teams changing ends with the score—Police 2; R. E. Reserves, 0.
The second half saw the soldiers open the attacking. Wilkinson, leading Swann, but the shot was weak. After Reynolds had rushed through and Booker had helped to fluster the defence, Wilson had no difficulty in adding further to the Police score, McGregor having no chance to save. When the soldiers next attacked, Wilkinson sent two good shots just over the bar. The Police made another rush and McGregor chased out of goal after Reynolds but Grimmett obtained the lower bar and the Police were four up. Tucker then went forward and the R. E.'s had practically all the rest of the play without being able to score until the finish, when the Police rallied, and on the stroke of time, they scored the fifth goal through Reynolds. Results:—

Hongkong Police, ... 5
R. E. Reserves, ... 0

TO-MORROW'S MATCH.

83rd Coy., R.G.A. v. D.C.L.I. Baglens, At Lyemur, 4 p.m. Referee, Sergt. Wilson.

SUMMARIES WITHDRAWN FROM LIAISON.

The Submarine has notified their intention of withdrawing from the 2nd Division United Service League. This is the first football withdrawal of the season and it is to be regretted. At the beginning of the season they were one of the strongest sides in the League and won three of the first four matches played, drawing the other. Since then they have lost seven matches, including defeats of 10-0 by Hongkong Police, and 6-0 by 87th Coy., R.G.A. According to rule their matches are struck out thus doing the D.C.L.I. Reserves a good turn as they lost three points to the sailors.

H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB v. H.M.S. "NEWCASTLE."

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. in the match to-day at 5 p.m. at the Club Ground:—Goal, P. H. Cobb; Backs, A. Hamilton, H. D. Brown, Haines, Murphy, W. B. Eglest, M. L. Raiton; Forwards, C. Willie, I. L. Goldsberg, R. F. Long, C. Edgumbe, N. L. Raiton.

Hockey.

The Y.M.C.A. hockey team will meet the H.K. at the Happy Valley on Friday, half off at 5 p.m.

Chess.

The return match between the European Y.M.C.A. Chess Club and the Hongkong Chess Club at the City Hall resulted as follows:—

Y.M.C.A. CHESSES CLUB v. H.K. CHESSES CLUB.
1. J. R. Wood ... 0 D.E. de Carvalho 1
2. Thos. Fuller ... 0 M. J. Danenberg 1
3. G. Piercy ... 1 V. Souza ... 0
4. C. A. Sutherland ... 0
5. J. U. Longstaff ... 0 P. A. Rosario ... 1
6. J. U. Longstaff ... 0 P. A. Rosario ... 1
Won 1 Won 4

A destructive fire broke out in a godown of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha's Pootung wharf at 7 p.m. on December 30, says "Shipping and Engineering." The fire originated in a match in which was stored a quantity of cotton and timber and threatened at one time to spread to a stack of coal immediately in the rear. The Customs Fireboat and a detachment of men from H.M.S. Yarmouth proceeded to the scene and later on part of the Municipal brigade was summoned to their assistance. The fire parties succeeded in isolating the fire and by 11 p.m. it had burned itself out.

The N. D. L. steamer Mark, the first of the Company's new cargo service to China, which is due here (Shanghai) at the end of January, will be followed by the steamer Tuelingen, leaving Bremen on December 31; the Franken, January 14; the Lothringen, January 28; and the Thuringen, February 11, with other steamers following later at regular fortnightly intervals. On the outward voyage the vessels will call at Antwerp, Pona, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama and on the homeward voyage, according to cargo offered, at Marseilles, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, London, Bremen and Hamburg. "Shipping and Engineering."

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MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A CANTON OFFICIAL.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—It is reported that Li Shai Kwai, who for some time has been prominent in official circles in Canton, has died suddenly at Shok Lung. The case is causing much uneasiness, as it seems uncertain what caused the sad event. It is stated that Li Shai Kwai was taking his evening meal, and everything seemed to be going on happily, when, after taking a second cup of Chinese wine, he suddenly threw up his arms and expired. Many rumours are afloat everywhere, and in some quarters it is hinted that his sudden demise was due to poison, though there is no evidence to show how it was administered. There has not yet been an official investigation to show clearly what he died as the result of poison. The death, however, was unexpected, and, as far as can be discovered, is not traceable to any regular cause.

Li Shai Kwai was fifty years of age. He had lived an active life, and been mixed up a good deal in local politics, especially during the troublous times of the last two years. Recently, he was engaged in suppressing robbers and brigands in the Shok Lung district; and it is quite possible that his death may not be unconnected with his determined efforts to root out the "lay-breakers." While, however, he was engaged in police work, he was also deeply interested in the gambling problem; and it is said that he made most of the large amount of money he possessed out of the gambling monopoly, during recent years. He was, consequently, strongly opposed to the repression of gambling, which was the declared policy of the Government of the young Republic. He was, however, helpless during the past two years because of the firm attitude of those who were opposed to the vice, and was, therefore, compelled to lie low and say little. During the last few weeks, however, since there was a recrudescence of the gambling spirit, and while there seemed to be a possibility that the Government would re-establish gambling for the sake of the revenue, Li Shai Kwai had been very active. It is reported that it was his view that licensed gambling could be made the means of advancing the value of the paper money, now so much depreciated throughout the province. How this was to follow has never, to the best of our knowledge, been clearly stated; it is certain, however, that this bait has been dangled before the officials, and whilst it remained there no one could be sure that it would remain disregarded. It is certain, however, that he was deeply interested in this problem and was, with all his might, furthering its establishment as a means of gathering revenue. It is interesting to notice the way in which the press refers to his decease. While the officials are publicly condoning his departure and Hing Yauwei has sent a very touching telegram to his family, the papers go to the extent of wondering whether or not Heaven has not deliberately taken him away, to rescue Kwangtung from the misery that would have flooded her were gambling once more established and licensed.

There seems to be therefore much uncertainty as to the cause of the sudden death of a strong healthy man, even though officials are conceding with his family at their loss. The native press, however, seems by no means willing to allow this good will not be brought forth out of evil.

FIRST LORD AS AIR PILOT.

How He Flew by Himself.

Mr. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, made an aeroplane flight of nearly an hour's duration at Eastchurch on November 29, and during most of the time he personally took control of the machine. The Short in which he flew was a dual control Short biplane of the latest type. Mr. Churchill has for some time past been taking lessons in the handling of flying machines and has made a series of flights in waterplanes and aeroplanes attached to the Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps. On Saturday morning the First Lord had further lessons. After lunch donning a leather jacket and an aviator's cap, Mr. Churchill took his seat in the dual control biplane with Captain William Lushington, R.N.E.I.
When the machine had reached a height of about 800ft. Mr. Churchill took over the control. The wind was blowing steadily but strongly, and the biplane took nearly half an hour to cover the ten miles which separates Eastchurch flying ground from the Isle of Grain.
The First Lord remained at the controls for nearly three-quarters of an hour, flying to and fro and accomplishing a distance of from thirty-five to forty miles. Then Captain Lushington again took charge and brought the machine to earth.
An eye-witness of the flight said: "Mr. Churchill did splendidly. The machine was kept at a splendid angle throughout. He was very cool indeed."

MR. CHURCHILL'S PLANS.
The First Lord's activities are well shown in the following list of his trips by airship and submarine during the past few months:
October 31.—Flight in the airships Beta and Delta at Farnborough.
October 30.—Submarine trip in the Solent.
October 25.—Aeroplane flight at Eastchurch.
October 23.—Two flights in aeroplanes and one in an airship at Sheerness.
October 22.—Waterplane flight at Cranbury.
October 2.—Two waterplane flights at Cranbury.
September 2.—Aeroplane flight at Hamble.
August 29.—Waterplane flight over the Solent.

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